

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, June 14, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review Board meeting was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Williams were Board members Mr. Klee, Mr. Lane, Mr. Walker, Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Watson. Board member Mr. Spence was absent. Also present was Zoning Administrator Murphy and Zoning Officer Beck.

ARB #05-043 Gardner Estate/708 Powell Street – Exterior Change (paint brick & new shutters) – Approved.

ARB #05-044 Prudential McCardle/811 Richmond Road – Exterior Change (Shingles) – Approved.

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SIGN #05-011 Yankee Candle/2200 Richmond Road - Monument & Building Mounted Sign – Approved.

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SIGN #05-017 Taproot/157 Second Street – Freestanding Sign – Approved.

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SIGN #05-018 Sheraton Four-Points/351 York Street – Directory Signs and Building Mounted Signs – Approved.

ARB

SIGN #05-019 The Church of God at Williamsburg/209 Longhill Road – Monument Sign – Approved.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Lane, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Watson.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Spence.

Abstain: None.

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB #05-045 Tsamouras/755 Scotland Street – Demolition (5 buildings)

ARB #05-046 Crawford/114 Braxton Court – Exterior Changes & Demolition of outbuilding

ARB #05-047 W R H A/104 Braxton Court – Addition & Exterior Changes

ARB #05-048 W R H A/747 Scotland Street – Demolition (office building)

Mr. Jim Gurganus presented the four proposed Braxton Court projects noting the plans have not changed since he presented the overview of the projects on March 8, 2005.

Mr. Klee asked if staff or representatives of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation could have the opportunity to photograph and record the buildings being demolished for historical purposes. Mr. Gurganus agreed.

Mr. Williams motioned to approved ARB #05-045 as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Lane, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Watson.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Spence.

Abstain: None.

Mr. Williams motioned to approved ARB #05-046 as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Lane, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Watson.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Spence.

Abstain: None.

Mr. Williams motioned to approved ARB #05-047 as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Lane, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Watson.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Spence.

Abstain: None.

Mr. Williams motioned to approved ARB #05-048 as presented conditioned upon staff and/or CWF representatives being given the opportunity to photograph and record the buildings in a time frame not to interfere with the demolition schedule.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Lane, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Watson.
Nay: None.
Absent: Mr. Spence.
Abstain: None.

CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT

ARB #05-039 Waffle Factory/1605 Richmond Road – Addition to Restaurant

Mrs. Murphy stated that the applicant requested tabling the application until the next meeting due to revisions to the elevations to address staff concerns.

CONCEPTUAL REVIEW

ARB #05-049 High Street at Williamsburg/1424-1446 Richmond Road – New Buildings

Daniel Aston, Roseland Property, Jack O'Brien, Architect, Brian Moore, Architect, and Aubrey Brock, Humphrey Associates presented their request noting the following:

- High Street is a multiuse development containing commercial and residential buildings.
- The main entrance off Richmond Road will contain the commercial buildings, apartments, and a parking garage with a modern Georgian architectural style. This will included a major bookstore, theater, and other high end stores and restaurants.
- The entrance off Treyburn Drive will contain high end townhouses, condominiums and apartments that are Georgian in architectural style. The apartment buildings will look like townhouses and not like an average apartment buildings.
- Parking in the residential areas will be hidden as well as the majority of the parking in commercial areas.

The Board was in agreement that the High Street project is on the right track. The Board suggested the following for the commercial buildings:

- More detail on the all elevations of the buildings to help break up the brick massing; such as, blind windows, mixing brick colors, mixing block and brick, and pilasters.

- Toning down the dome on the bookstore building.

John Millar, 710 S Henry Street, stated that the architecture of the commercial buildings is prototypical with a Georgian flavor. He stated that more detail as done on the apartment buildings should be done for the commercial buildings.

Ben Altshuler, 222 Virginia Avenue, concurred with Mr. Millar, and added that he did not think the development was going to be pedestrian friendly.

Jim Tucker, Advantis Real Estate, stated that this project is going to be like nothing seen in this area. He stated that retail companies are excited about the design of the project and want to be apart of it. He noted that a lot was done to make the project aesthetically beautiful; such as, hiding most of the parking and using architecture that captured the essence of this historical City.

Daniel Aston assured the skeptics that he is going to build a beautiful development. He also stated that the retail buildings are design differently from residential buildings because retailers have different needs than homeowners.

Mr. Williams motioned to conceptually approve ARB #05-049 conditioned upon comments offered by the Board at the meeting being considered in the final submittal for the project.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Lane, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Watson.
Nay: None.
Absent: Mr. Spence.
Abstain: None.

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The minutes were approved as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Jason Beck
Zoning Officer